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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice for Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, California

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by Los Angeles World Airports, for Los Angeles International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et. seq (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

DATES: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is **[INSERT DATE UPON PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER]** and applicable February 12, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victor Globa, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Los Angeles Airports District Office, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007. Street Address: 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, California 90261. Telephone: 310/725-3637.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Los Angeles International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 150 (hereinafter referred to as

"Part 150"), effective February 12, 2016. Under 49 U.S.C. Section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by Los Angeles World Airports. The documentation that constitutes the "Noise Exposure Maps" as defined in Section 150.7 of Part 150 includes: Exhibit 5-1, 2015 Noise Exposure Map (Existing Conditions) – Los Angeles International Airport; Exhibit 5-2, 2020 Noise Exposure Map (Future Conditions) – Los Angeles International Airport. The Noise Exposure Maps contain current and forecast information including the depiction of the airport and its boundary; the runway configurations, land uses such as residential, commercial, industrial, and open space/recreational land use; locations of noise sensitive public buildings (such as schools, hospitals, and historic properties on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places); and the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) 65, 70, and 75 decibel airport noise contours resulting from existing and forecast airport operations. The frequency of airport operations is described in Section 4.6.1 of the Noise Exposure Map Update report. Flight tracks associated with Los Angeles International Airport are depicted in Exhibits 4-3 thru 4-10a. The Los Angeles International Airport noise monitoring system is described in Section 4.7 and monitoring locations are shown on Exhibit 4-12 of the Noise Exposure Map Update report. Estimates of the number of

people residing within the CNEL contours is located in Section 5.5 of the Noise Exposure Map Update report. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on February 12, 2016.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under Section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of Section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under Section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under Section 150.21 of Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration
Western-Pacific Region Office
Airports Division, Room 3012
15000 Aviation Boulevard
Hawthorne, California 90261

Federal Aviation Administration
Los Angeles Airports District Office, Room 3000
15000 Aviation Boulevard
Hawthorne, California 90261

Los Angeles International Airport
Los Angeles World Airports
Attention: Mr. Scott Tatro, Airport Environmental Manager II
1 World Way
Los Angeles, California 90045

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Issued in Hawthorne, California, February 12, 2016.

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